committee was asked to submit its report in a stipulated period;

(c) if so, what was the time-limit of that period, and whether Government have received the report in that stipulated period; and

(d) if so, what are the recommendations of the Committee and if the report has not been received so far what are the reasons therefor and by when the report is going to be submitted in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Committee has been allowed to submit its report by 31st Dec., 1993.

Privatisation of Port facilities at Calcutta Port Trust

3009. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Calcutta Port Trust has any plan to go in for privatisation of Port facilities; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Two berths at Haldia Dock Complex and one at Calcutta Port have already been allotted to private parties. Government have also given 'in principle' approval for leasing Netaji Subhash dry docks 1 & 2 alongwith adjacent lands and wet berth alongwith adjacent lands to a private party.

Concessions to Handicapped persons in DTC

3010. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the facilities in regard to transport and other concessions provided to handicapped persons by the D.T.C. and other State Roadways; and

(b) What is the procedure by which they can avail of such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) DTC issues travel concession passes to the handicapped for such categories for whom reservation has already been made by Government of India, provided the disability in each individual case is certified by the Director of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration. DTC also provides 50% concession to the attendent accompanying the blind person in city and suburban routes, except Palam Coach, Green Line, Tourist and Inter-State Services.

Apart from the above, two seats in the front row of the left side in a bus are reserved for the convenience of the handicapped persons. These persons are also allowed to enter and alight through the front gate.

As per information available, many SRTCs have got schemes by which physically handicapped, mentally retarded and blind people travel at concessional rates which are varying from State to State. In some States on production of a certificate handicapped persons are allowed to travel at a flat rate of Rs.5/- per month in city buses. Blind persons are allowed to travel in city as well as mofussul routes in case of some STUs.